THE SWORD INTERVAL

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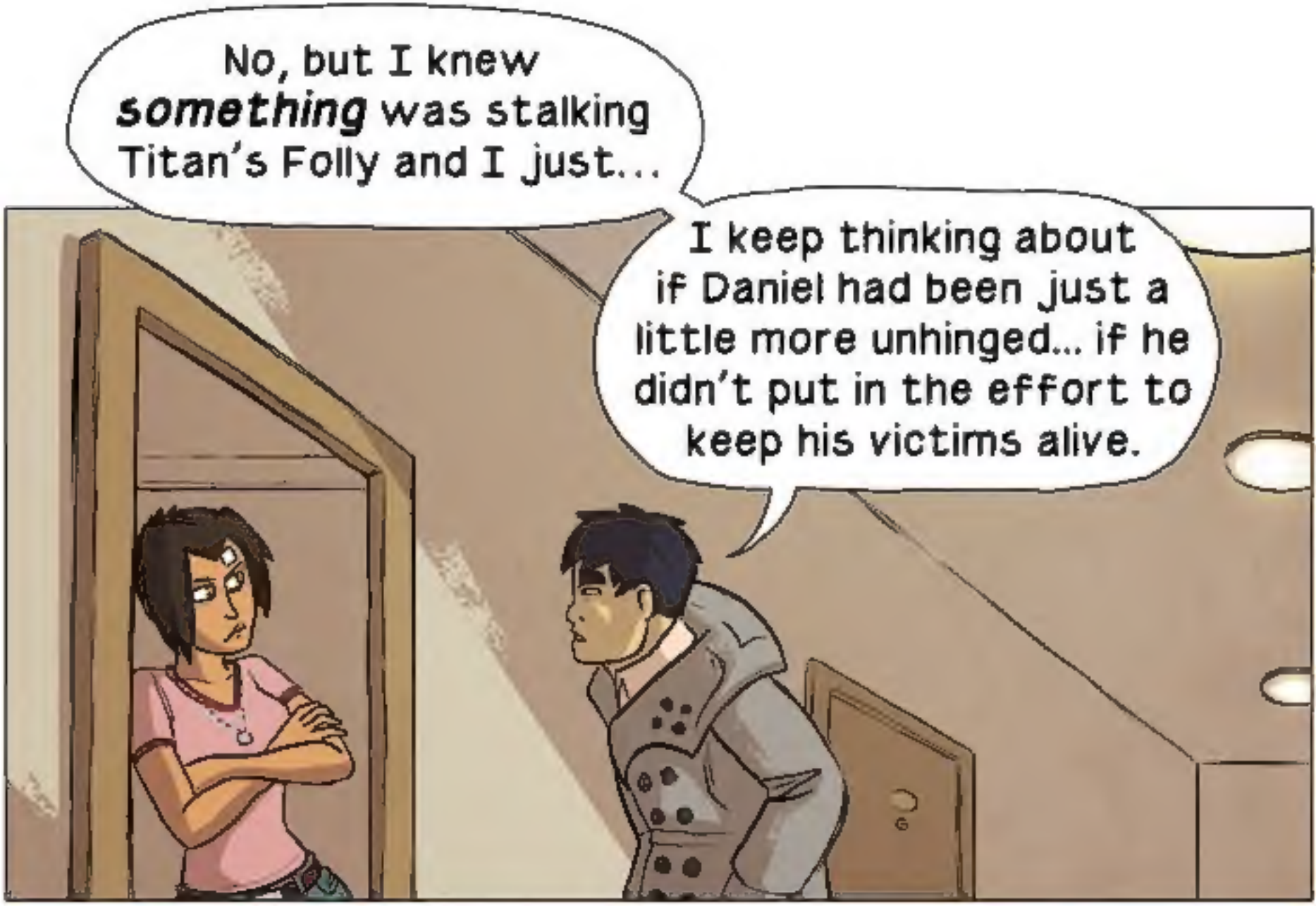
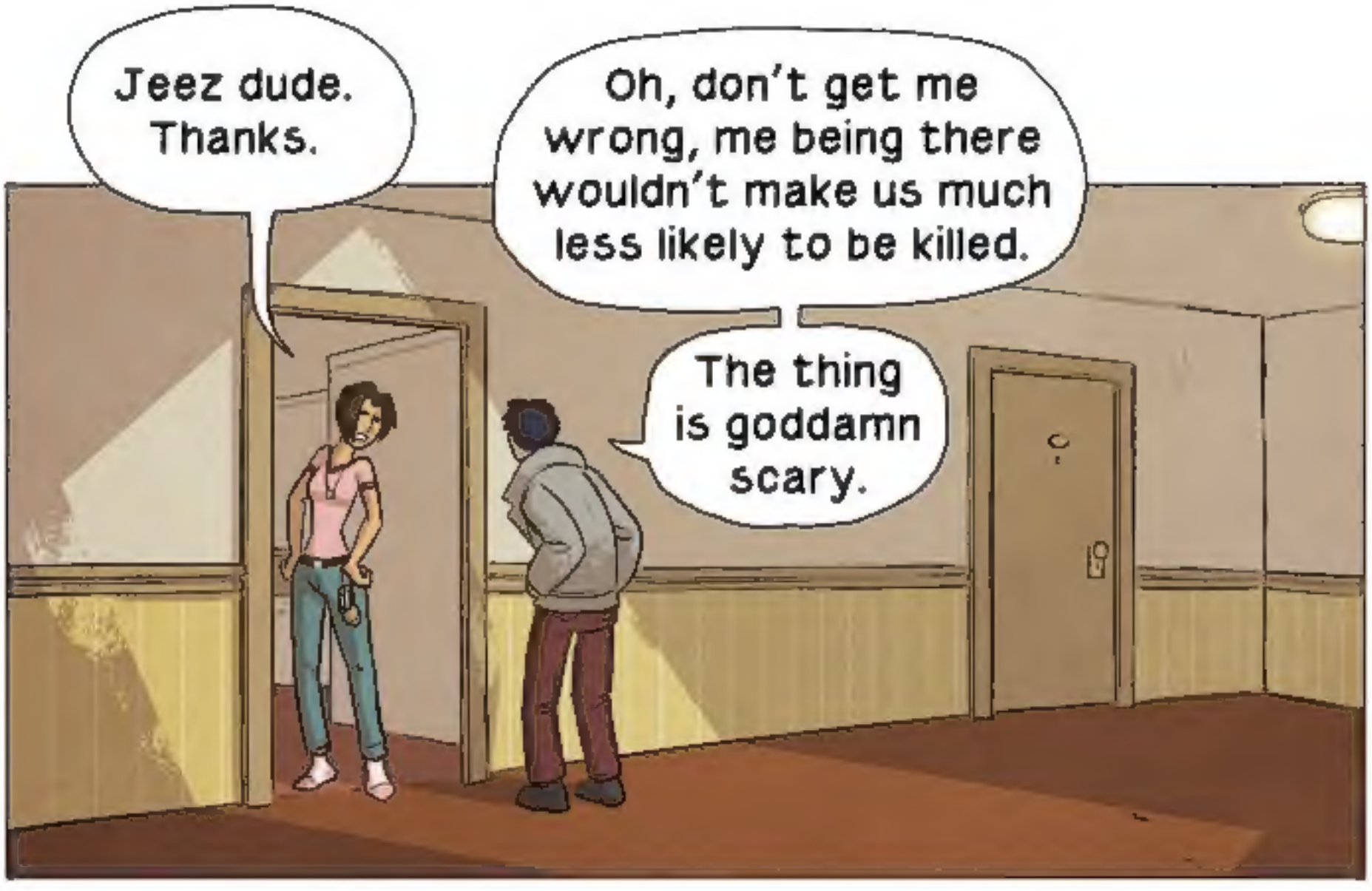
You shouldn't have had to clean up my mess today.

...Eh, wasn't your fault the kid was out of his mind.

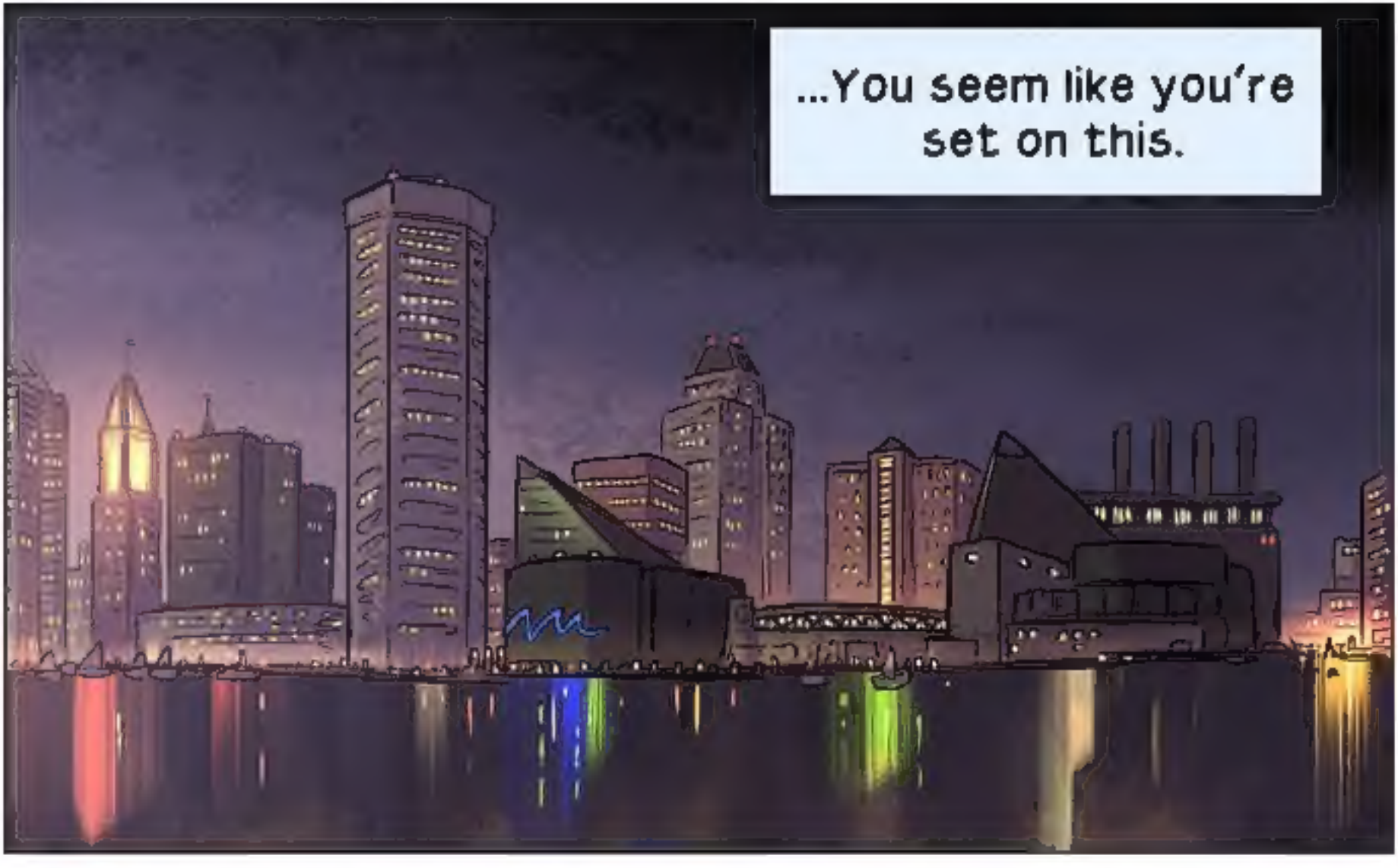

No, but I knew *something* was stalking Titan's Folly and I just...
I keep thinking about if Daniel had been just a little more unhinged... if he didn't put in the effort to keep his victims alive.

This could have ended so badly
But it didn't.
That doesn't make it okay.

Look, if you can even *find* the Hierophant, you're ... *probably* going to die.


Jeez dude. Thanks.
Oh, don't get me wrong, me being there wouldn't make us much less likely to be killed.
The thing is goddamn scary.

But I don't want you to become just another person I could have tried to help, but chose to ignore.
Besides...


...You seem like you're set on this.

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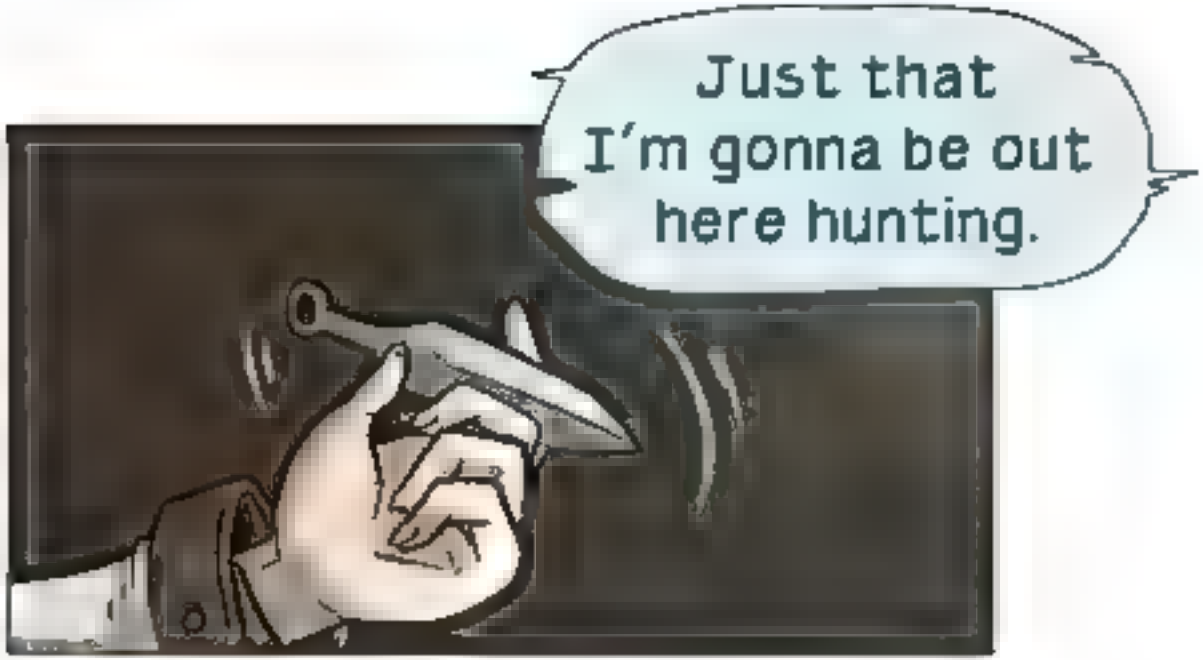
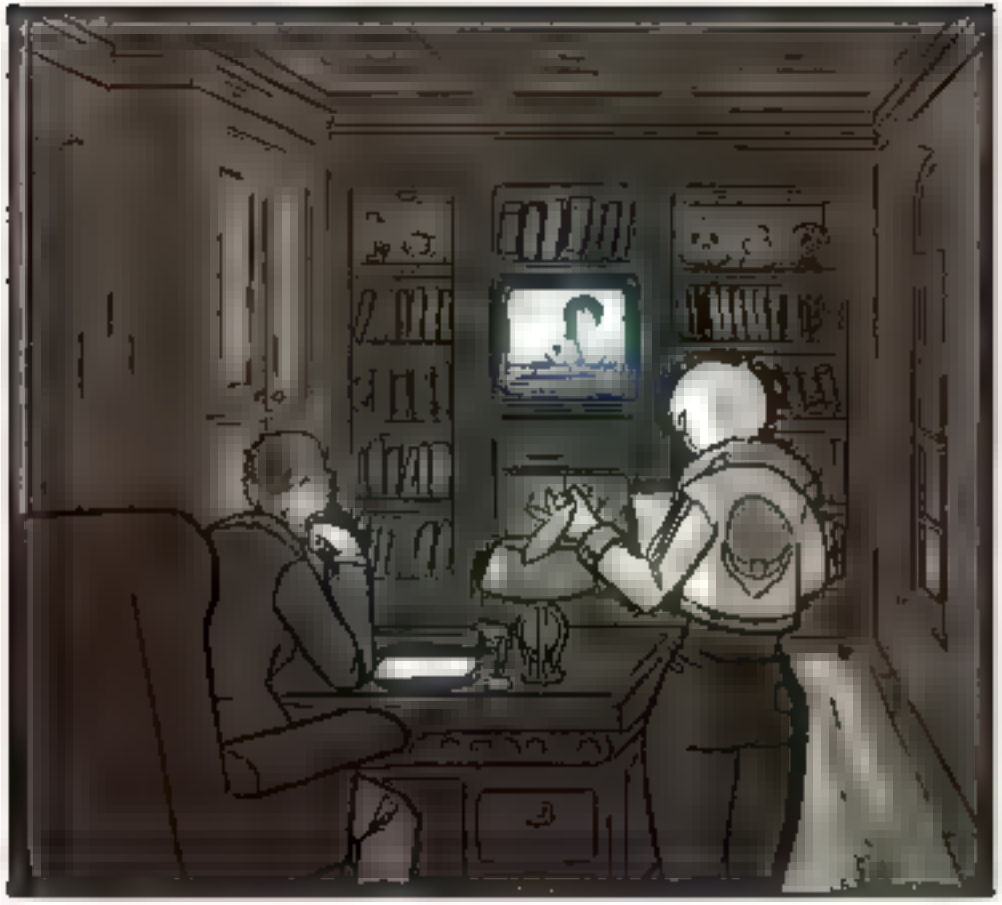
Do you have anything to say to our viewers?


Just that I'm gonna be out here hunting.

And that I won't stop until the Hierophant itself is dead.



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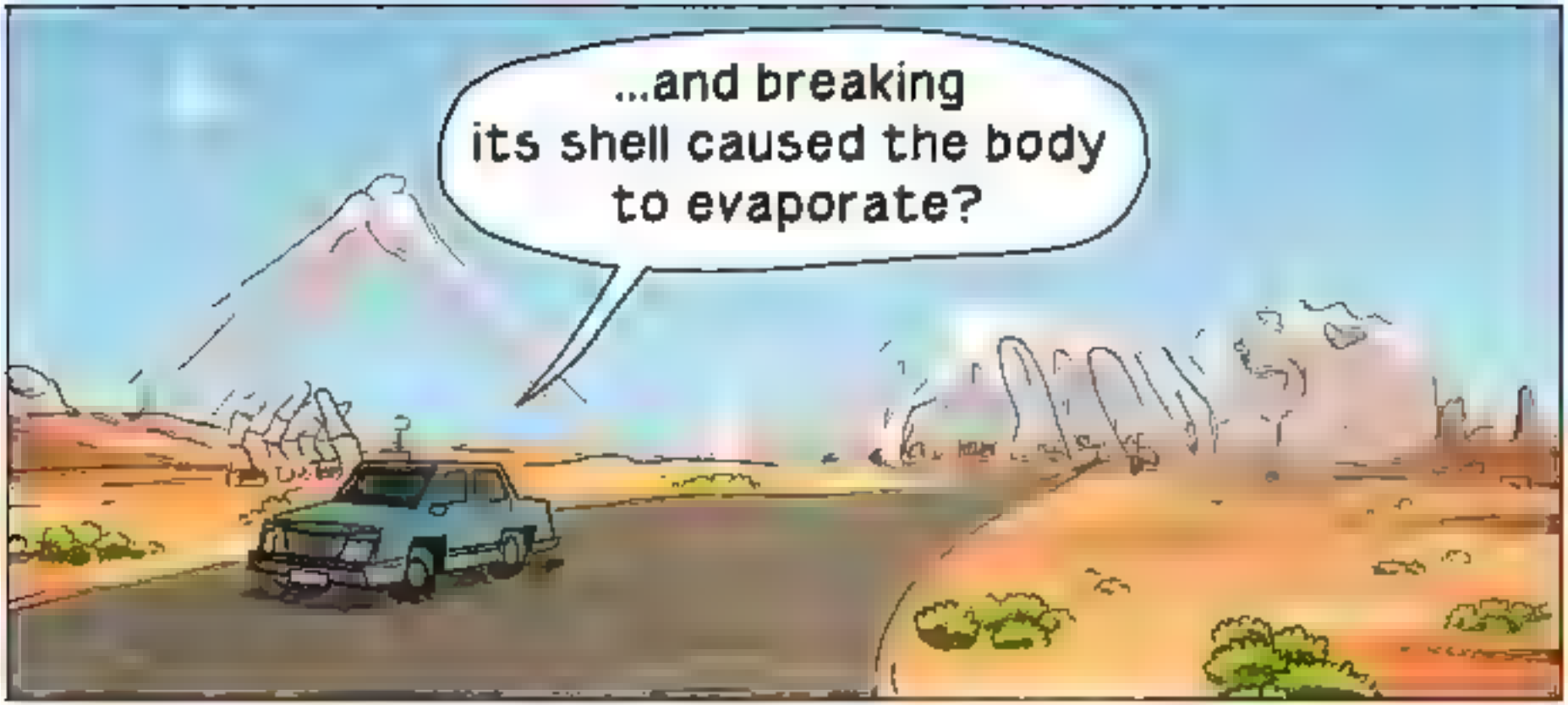
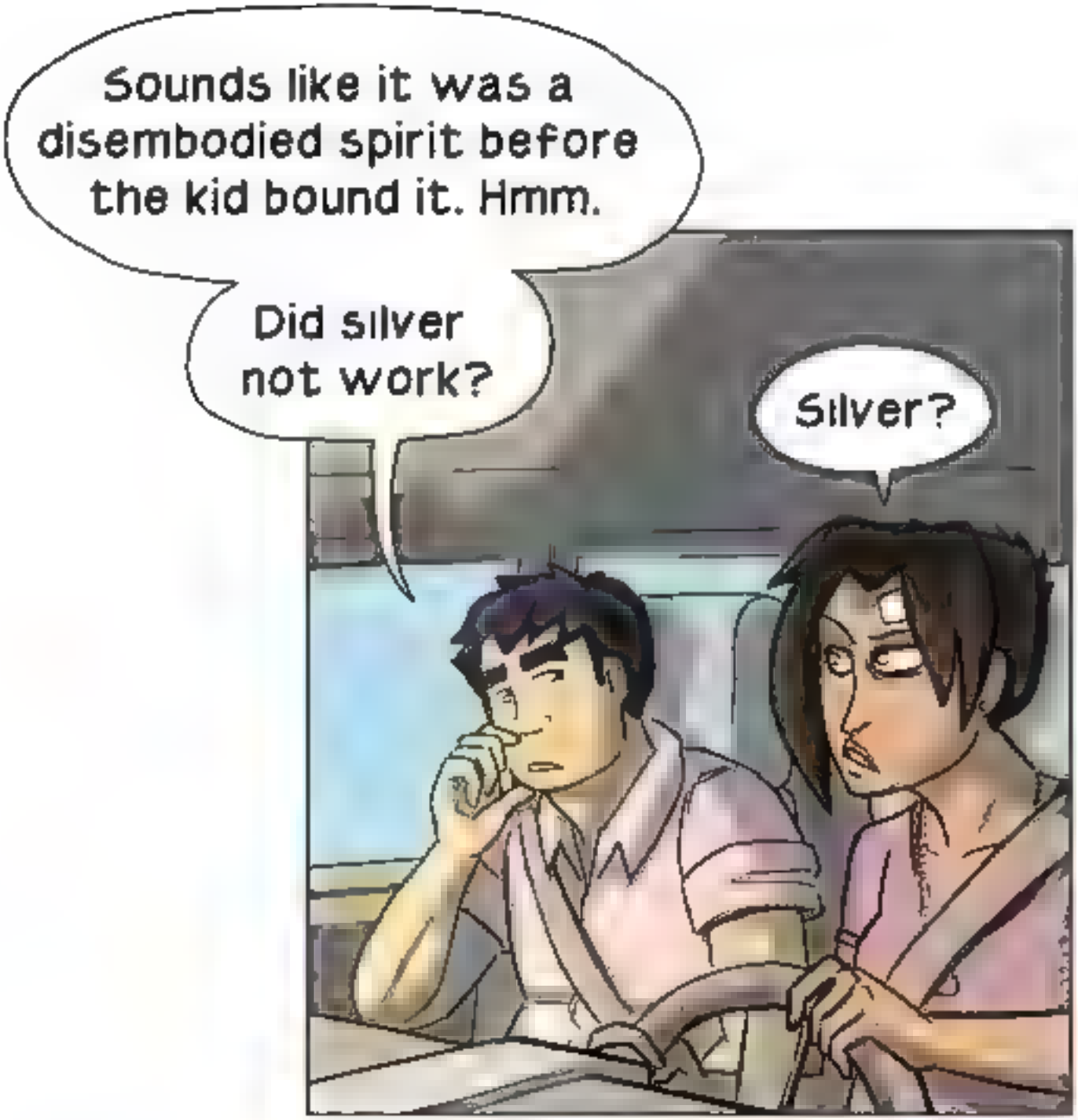

...and breaking its shell caused the body to evaporate?


Sounds like it was a disembodied spirit before the kid bound it. Hmm.
Did silver not work?
Silver?

Well... yeah.
Silver weapons should disrupt the regeneration of most evil spirits, especially bound ones.

Oh. Huh.
I thought silver was only for, like, werewolves.

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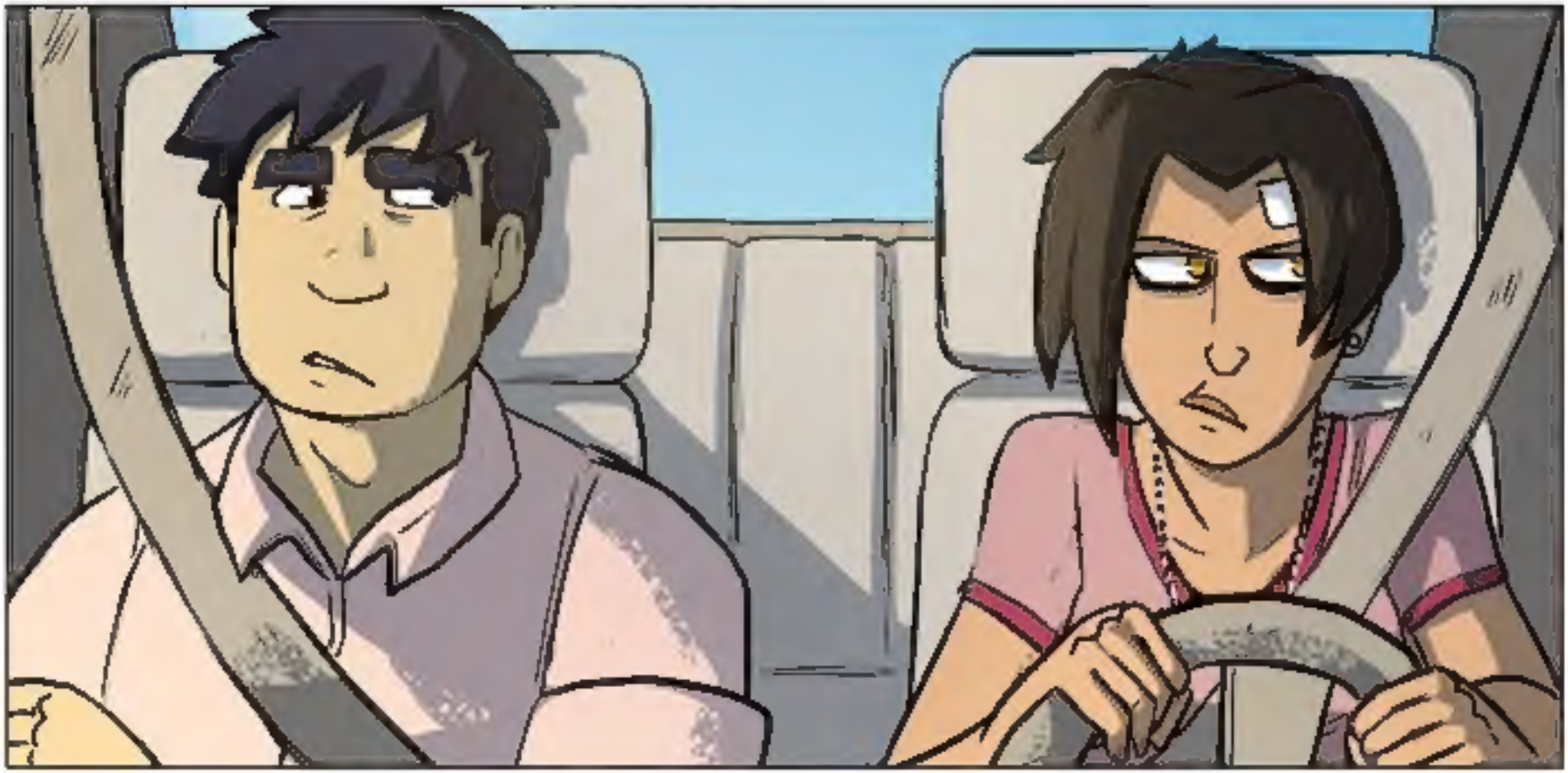
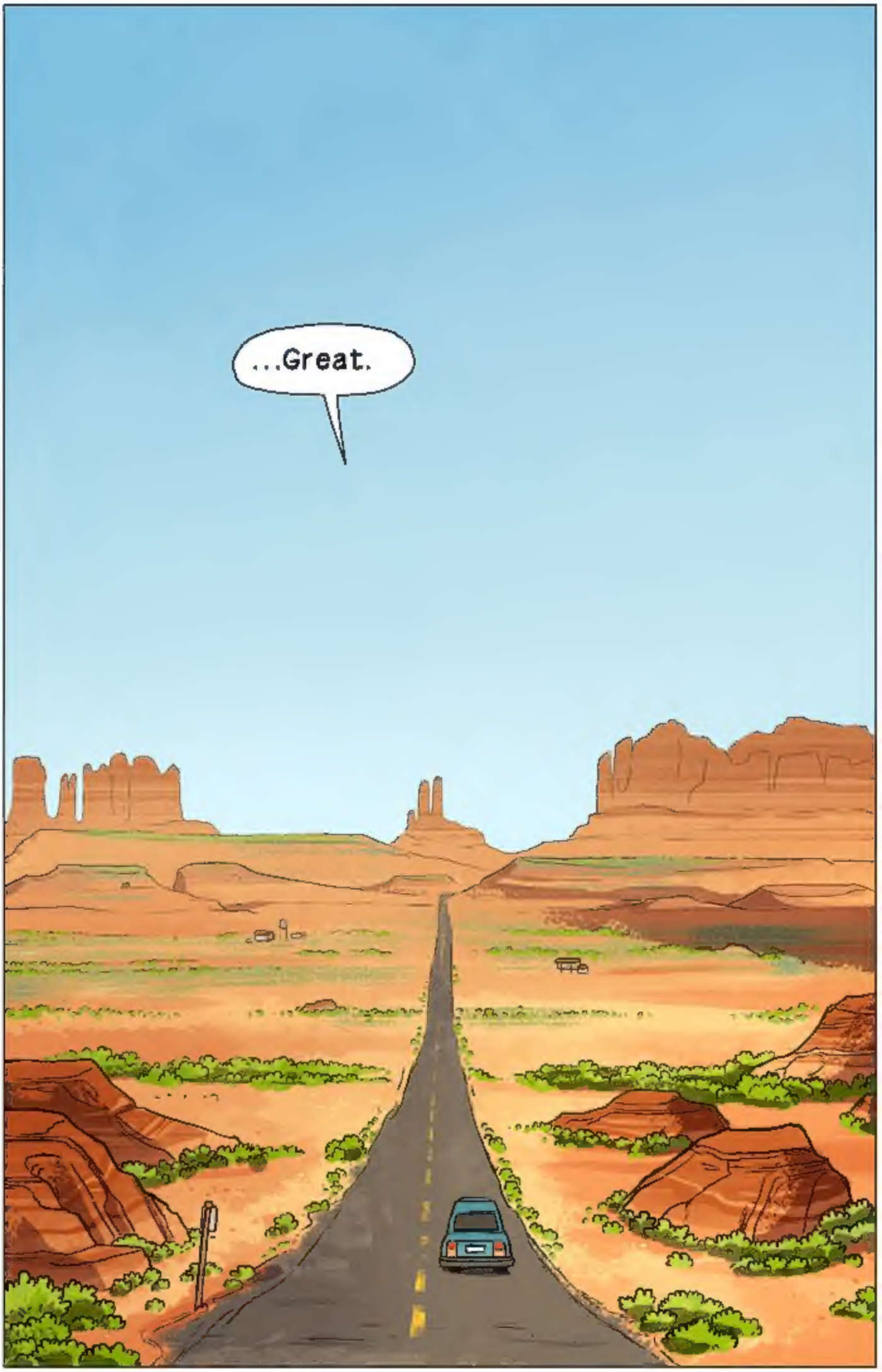
Werewolves?
Really?

Fall... this wasn't your... your first hunt, was it?
NO!

Okay good, because–
Second.




...Great.